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Dear Sir:

In response to the official action mailed June 7, 2005, applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.